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NU campuses implementing shortfall plans

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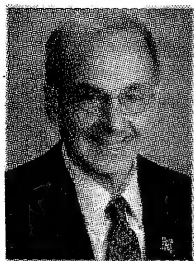
The University of Nebraska system began implementing plans to cover budget shortfalls last week after the Board of Regents approved the university-wide budget on June 12.

Plans were announced at UNL and UNMC, while it still remained unknown Friday how UNO and UNK would address an overall NU systemwide budget shortfall of \$8.5 million.

UNL's plan to address its \$3.7 million share of the university budget shortfall includes the proposed elimination of 56 full-time positions across the campus.

The recommended cuts include the elimination of the equivalent of about 23 filled staff positions, which could result in pink slips in the near future for 28 UNL employees. The cuts also remove more than 29 vacant staff positions, as well as three vacant faculty positions.

At a news conference Wednesday, Chancellor Harvey Perlman said the campus targeted the cuts to periphery programs in order to preserve the core missions of the university.



PERLMAN

"These budget cuts are painful," Perlman said. "It may appear a lot of little ones, but they have real life impacts to people who are impacted by them."

The employees whose positions will be eliminated were notified Wednesday morning by the university, although official notice of termination won't be given until Aug. 24, according to an e-mail sent out to all faculty and staff by Perlman.

"Laying off employees in this economy is particularly difficult," Perlman said. "Over the summer, we will work hard to find these dedicated staff alternative positions within the university. We will be providing affected personnel with special services from human resources to help them with this transition."

The breakdown of the cuts at UNL include more than \$680,000 in reductions to units administered by the Chancellor's Office, Student Affairs and Business & Finance; \$1 million in cuts to the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and \$2.1 million in reductions to Academic

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North Dakota's Blais named new Maverick hockey coach



From left to right, Mike Kemp, Dean Blais and Trev Alberts answer questions at a news conference at the Scott Conference Center on June 12. Blais was named the new head coach of hockey. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Another piece of the puzzle has fallen into place for the Maverick hockey program: Dean Blais, who won two national titles with North Dakota, will be the second head coach in the program's history.

Blais comes to UNO after leading the Fargo Force, a United States Hockey League expansion team, to a 32-23-5 record culminating in a 3-1 loss to the Indiana Ice in the Clark Cup Finals. In collegiate hockey, Blais led the Fighting Sioux to national championships in 1997 and 2001, as well as five regular-season Western Collegiate Hockey Association titles and two WCHA playoff championships.

At a news conference on

June 12, Athletic Director Trev Alberts welcomed Blais as the successor to former coach Mike Kemp, who Alberts promoted to associate athletic director last month. Alberts discussed his desire to build upon the foundation created by Kemp in his 13 years as coach.

"We talked about trying to find a way to take our program to an elite level," Alberts said. "We have a great hockey program here, but we envision the day where UNO is at the elite levels on a consistent basis."

Kemp said he was confident that Blais was the right choice to take Maverick hockey to the next level.

"I've been against this guy since 1982," Kemp said. "In fact, the first year I was at the University of Wisconsin coaching at the D-I level, he was

an assistant at North Dakota and they beat us for the national championship in the final game. So I know what kind of competitor he is. I know what kind of man he is. And I'm thrilled with the opportunity to be able to turn this program over to his hand, because I know he's going to treat it with the kid gloves that it deserves and he's going to take it to a height and level we've never seen before."

Blais described his style of coaching as aggressive and offense-oriented, built upon the principle that working hard will translate into victories.

"I coach a pretty simple game, and it starts with hard work," Blais said. "I don't mind winning 8-7 games. I know the goaltenders hate it, but we play very offensive, wide-open

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Drug overdose suspected cause in Creighton student death

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A suspected drug overdose may be the cause behind the death of a 21-year-old Creighton student found June 8 in his dorm room.

Jonathan Colby's body was found around 9 a.m. in his dorm room in Opus Hall, located on Creighton's campus.

Colby was a native of Hartland, Wis., and was studying chemistry. In his dorm, evidence of drugs was found, leaving investigators to believe he may have died of an overdose.

This incident serves as a reminder to UNO students of how serious substance abuse can be.

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, said about 70 percent to 80 percent of substance abuse dealt with by Campus Security is alcohol-related.

"There's a lot more alcohol abuse than drugs," Kosel said. "The stats keep creeping up."

Campus Security assesses a student's condition to determine whether medical attention is necessary.

"We generate a report giving details of the event, state names and then that goes to the judicial officer," Kosel said. "When we get involved, the resident advisors are there. They generate a report and cite a lease violation."

As a consequence, students have to attend an alcohol and drug class, which costs \$100 for first-offense and \$200 for subsequent offenses.

"You get caught out here with alcohol or drugs it could be really simple or get really bad, really fast,"

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GSO AT PRIDE PARADE

A group of UNO students representing the Gender and Sexual Orientation student agency took part in the 24th annual Nebraska Pride Parade on Saturday. They are shown marching past the Old Market.



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CHOIR ON THE GREEN

The UNO choir - Mary Kate Gilreath, Rachel Wardian, CJ Harden, Jason St. Claire, Trevor Kern, Thomas Olsen and Gregory Perdue - perform before Shakespeare on the Green Saturday. See pg. 6 for more.

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University honors Omaha philanthropists

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The University of Nebraska Board of Regents honored two Omaha philanthropists with its most prestigious award, the Regents Medal, at a ceremony at UNMC on June 11.

Ruth and Bill Scott – whose gifts have funded more than a dozen projects across the NU system – were awarded the medal, which was established to recognize individuals whose service to the university has provided “exceptional benefits in furtherance of the goals and missions of the institution.”

“Ruth and Bill Scott have quietly transformed the University of Nebraska, and they have done so selflessly and creatively,” said Kent Schroeder, the chairman of the Board of Regents. “Their gifts are providing first class educational facilities for our state’s future doctors, nurses, business leaders and public health professionals.”

Many of the Scotts’ contributions to the university were gifts to UNMC, which include an addition to the College of Nursing, the student plaza, an amphitheater, the Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center, the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education and two research laboratories.

At Lincoln, the Scotts have supported athletic scholarships and academic support, the Tom and Nancy Osborne Center and programs at the Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction.

Here at UNO, the Scotts were instrumental in funding the construction of Mammel Hall, the future home of the College of Business Administration, as well as renovating Roskens Hall and refurbishing the College of Public Affairs and Community



Bill and Ruth Scott celebrate after being awarded the Regents Medal. (COURTESY ANDREW E. NELSON/UNMC)

Service Building.

The Scotts have also supported the Project Achieve program, which provides scholarships to first-generation, lower-income students.

“Bill Scott has said that it’s more fun to see the results of your philanthropy while you’re still alive,” University President James B. Milliken said. “I think Bill and Ruth are having a lot of fun, and we are extremely fortunate that this remarkable couple places such a high value on investment in education and research.”

The Scotts are only the second recipients of the Regents Medal, which was instituted in 2006. The only other recipient was the late Charles W. Durham.

“A pile of money is a lot like a pile of manure,” Ruth Scott said, referencing “Hello Dolly.” “It does no good until you spread it around. So far, we’ve had a lot of fun driving the spreader. Let’s hope the tractor doesn’t run out of fuel for a very long time.”

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Kosel said.

Campus Security officials are constantly observing students and their surroundings, especially during the fall and spring semesters when substance abuse is most common.

“You know better than to be on campus doing stuff if you’ve been caught with your buddies before,” Kosel said. “During the summer time, there are a few alcohol violations, but nothing compared to the spring or fall.”

Students who struggle with substance abuse can visit Student Health Services or the Counseling Center, which provides an Alcoholics Anonymous program every Monday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Eppley Administration Building.

The Counseling Center provides short-term counseling for all students, faculty and staff members, as well as academic and career counseling.

Nate Bock, a licensed mental health practitioner at the center and the coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Education, said he usually has two to four appointments per day involving substance abuse.

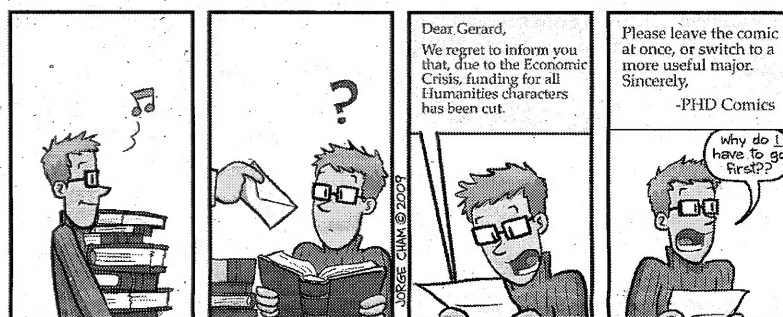
“Alcohol is the main problem we see students for – followed by marijuana usage – and percentages really fall off from there,” Bock said.

Bock said the process of helping students with substance abuse is not as simple as a student meeting with a counselor to discuss their situation.

There are prevention groups on campus, as well as a coalition, which addresses policies and enforcement procedures to keep students safe from substance abuse.

The center also has an evaluation, which costs about \$75, Bock said. The evaluation is used to make referrals for students based on their conditions.

“This evaluation is to help us understand what is going on in that student’s life and how we can provide the best care,” Bock said. “We have a nice standardized assessment that we can identify.”



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Friday, June 5

8:06 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from University Village. The incident occurred between 7:30 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.

Saturday, June 6

1:40 a.m. Campus Security was dispatched to a noise complaint at University Village. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

Sunday, June 7

4:30 a.m. While on

patrol of the Dodge Street campus, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation located a suspect on the Pacific Street campus. Omaha police responded and cited one student for minor in possession and unlawful open container. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

Thursday, June 18

12:15 p.m. A staff member reported the theft of university property from Milo Bail Student Center. Two incidents occurred between 10:48 a.m., Thursday, June 4, and 10:10 a.m., Friday, June 5.

FOR THE RECORD

Regarding the June 9 issue of The Gateway, three mistakes were found in the print edition that were corrected online:

- In the story “Mavs win MIAA title; Porter earns career home run record” on p. 1, an editor’s note acknowledging the use of reporting by Michelle Bishop in Kansas City, Kan., was omitted.

- In the story “Athletics to be broadcast on KVNO” on p. 5, the broadcast frequency of KVNO was misidentified as 90.1 FM – it should have read 90.7 FM.

- In the story “Witchcraft, regicide: Scottish Play comes to Elmwood Park” on p. 10, the name of the photographer who took the archival photo was misspelled – it should have read Chris Machian.

The Gateway apologizes for these mistakes.

University of Iowa student sees Iranian election unfold

MICHAEL DALE-STEIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

IOWA CITY, Iowa, June 19 (UWIRE) – A car pulled up to a police checkpoint in Tehran, Iran. Machine guns pointed at the faces of the family within.

Inside the vehicle, one Iranian-American University of Iowa student was directly confronted with the reverberations of the June 12 Iranian presidential election. The government declared incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad the winner, which almost immediately sparked cries of outrage and large protests.

But it didn't start this way. The UI student, who has dual citizenship, was visiting his family and was excited to vote in his first Iranian election.

Now that the election is over and accusations of voter fraud have surfaced, danger and violence have concurrently risen. Though Iran has put efforts into blocking social networking Web sites such as Facebook and Twitter, many are still using the Internet to express their feelings to the world.

The Iranian government announced June 17 that those who talk to foreign media and post information on blogs and Web sites will be severely punished.

And an acquaintance of the student was reported to be missing on Thursday – proving the risks for Iranian citizens are greater than first thought.

"[The government] arrested many people today – mainly journalists, activists, and people who have been talking on the 'Net," the student wrote to the DI in an e-mail.

He asked the DI for anonymity because of possible dangers associated with talking to U.S. journalists – adding he has been utilizing proxy servers, methods of keeping his computer messages anonymous. The student has tried calling family and friends in the United States more than 30 times Thursday, but none of the calls went through.

Since the election, the government has filtered Web sites and blocked text messaging, and it is rumored to be monitoring landlines, sparking intense reaction from abroad. Protests have occurred in California, Georgia, and even Iowa City – an event that collected 102 signatures Wednesday.

Many of the protests in America called for fair treatment for the other Iranian

presidential candidates.

The most popular of the losing candidates, Mir Hossein Mousavi, was seen by many as the more democratic option – a reformer, both economically and socially – and a popular choice for many, including the UI student.

The student, who moved from Iran to the United States when he was very young, said he could feel the excitement of the electoral atmosphere when he first arrived in Tehran, the nation's capital. Campaign fliers and billboards plastered the city, he said, and his family gathered in front of the TV every night, watching debates among the four presidential candidates.

"It was Obama versus McCain over again," he said. "Everyone had an opinion."

Though he did not feel that positive about any of the candidates, he said he thought Mousavi was the best option.

"He promises greater freedoms to the Islamic society and is willing to review laws that discriminate against women," he said.

Mousavi's supporters say the speed in which the voting ballots were tallied (they are tallied by hand) and the wide margin of victory for Ahmadinejad are signs of a rigged election.

The student said he suspects forgery because the voting numbers simply don't "make sense."

On Thursday, hundreds of thousands of people choked the streets of Tehran, joining Mousavi in mourning the seven demonstrators killed so far in the protests.

In the United States, many are debating the ramifications of mass demonstrations in Iran.

Sara Mitchell, a UI associate professor of political science, said if protests continue, the chance for dangerous governmental crackdown is high.

So far, the U.S. government has taken a fairly hands-off approach to the Iranian election controversy, leading to criticism of President Obama.

However, Mitchell said, "low-key statements by U.S. officials could actually have significant consequences and increase the risks for civil war in Iran."

While it is unclear whether civil war will hit Iran, regional leaders are trying to quell dissent. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the supreme leader who holds ultimate power in Iran, said on Iranian TV a panel will look into Mousavi's declaration that he is the winner of the presidential election.

"Issues must be pursued through a legal channel," Khamenei said on Iranian TV.

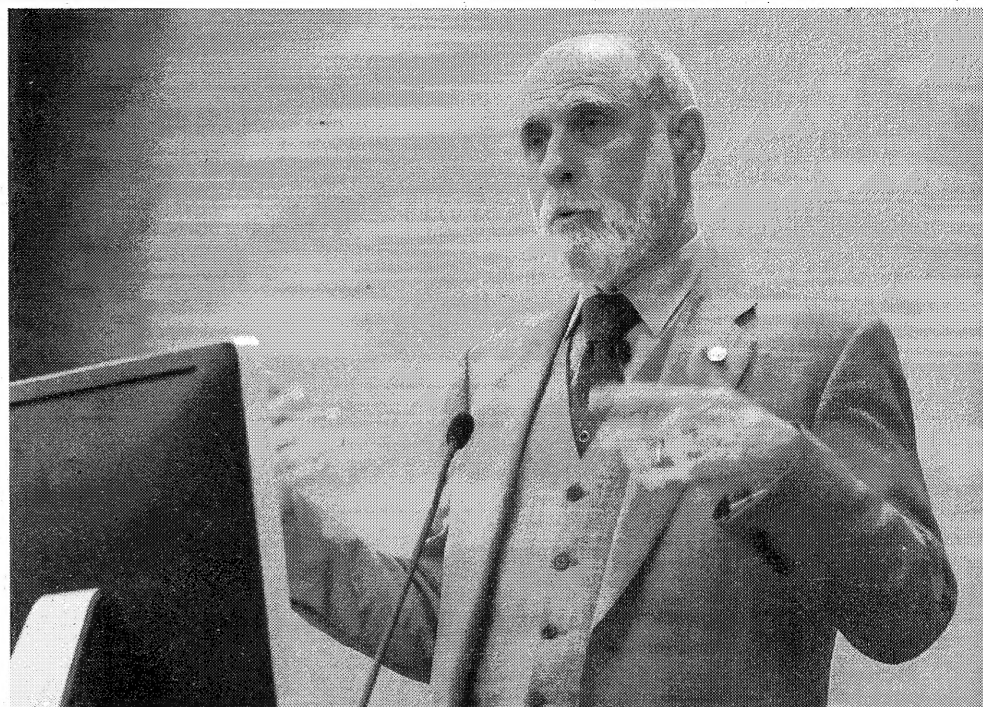
But many have crowded the streets in protest. The student told the DI he has seen stores destroyed, fleeing refugees and riots. Last weekend, he said, a rioter smashed a window 200 feet from his bedroom. His parents, who lived through the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s, have forbidden him from attending rallies.

A nearby apartment in the family's building even became a safe house for several Iranians when a neighbor hid three people who were running from the Basiji – the religious police.

Despite the dangers, the student is uncertain he wants to take the safe route and return to Iowa City.

"I feel fortunate to be here while history is in the making," he said. "Yet the streets are very dangerous."

For the student, the urge to be part of history is greater than the opportunity to go back to America. He said, "I don't think I am ready to leave quite yet."



Vint Cerf, vice president and chief Internet evangelist of Google, speaks about the future of the Web to a capacity crowd at the Scott Conference Center on June 15. (COURTESY TIM FITZGERLD/UNO)

Google vice president speaks to large UNO crowd about future of Internet

ANDREA CIUREJ
NEWS EDITOR

The "father of the Internet" spoke to a sold-out Scott Conference Center on June 15, to address UNO students, faculty, staff and local business professionals about "The Future of the Internet."

In an hour-long presentation, which was hosted by the Peter Kiewit Institute in cooperation with the Gallup Organization, Vint Cerf spoke about the evolution of the Internet from the ARPAnet, as well as the problems associated with the World Wide Web.

Following his presentation, Cerf touched on Internet privacy, Extended Markup Language archiving and broadband network neutrality with a discussion from the audience.

Cerf – the vice president and chief Internet evangelist for Google – began his presentation with the origination of the Internet, followed by statistics to support the Internet's current population, which is an estimated 1.6 billion users.

Asia leads the population with 657.1 million users, followed by Europe with 393.4 million users and North America with 251.3 million users.

"Their culture, their languages, their interests and everything else are increasingly going to be reflecting in the content of the Internet," Cerf said. "Their desires, their commercial interests and so on will have a very significant economic affect for anyone who is offering products and services to the general Internet population."

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Tens of thousands of supporters of former candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi take part in a rally in Tehran, Iran, on June 15. (FARZANEH KHADEMIAN/ABACA PRESS/MCT)

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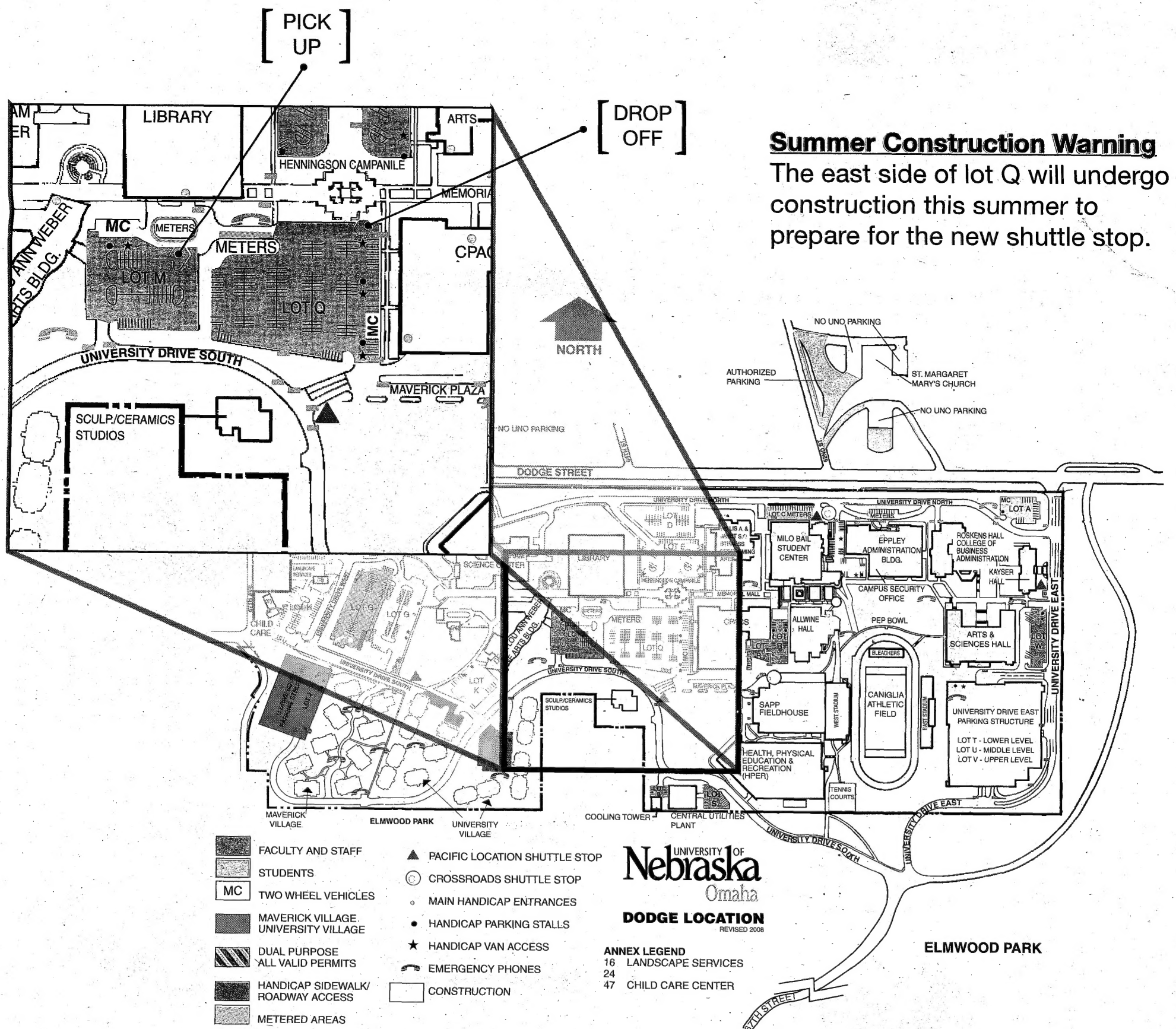
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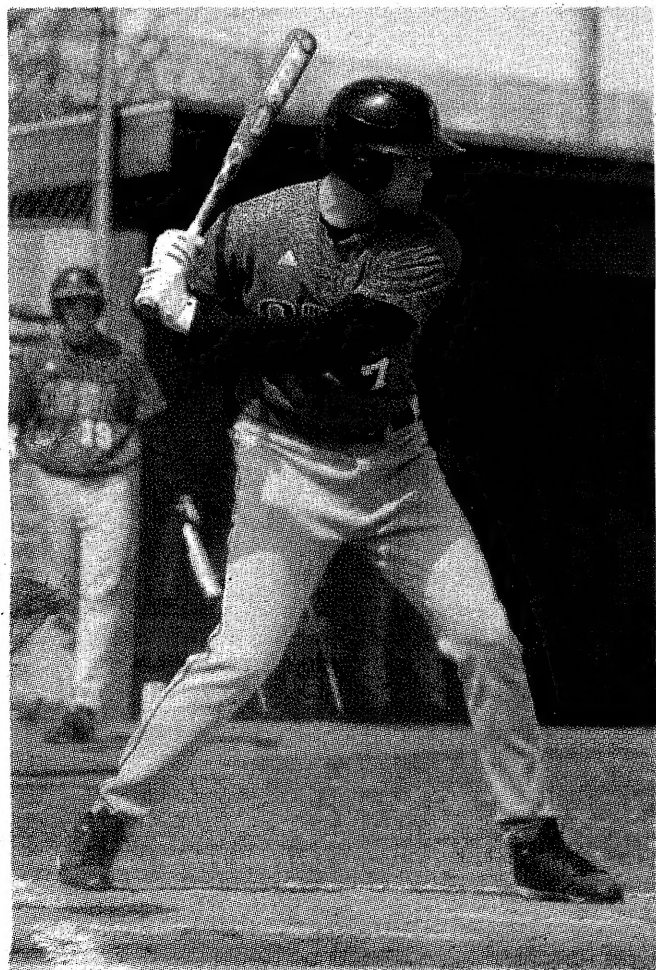


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Porter, Kessinger tapped in Major League Baseball draft

TODD HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

The Maverick baseball program sent two more players up to the pros after shortstop Evan Porter and pitcher Chris Kessinger were picked in last month's Major League Baseball draft.



Evan Porter, shown in previous action this season, was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Porter was tapped in the 23rd round by the Philadelphia Phillies and Kessinger in the 37th by the Seattle Mariners.

Porter concluded his career at UNO as the program's all time leader in games played (239), at bats (869), hits (323), doubles (75), home runs (43), runs batted in (249) and total bases (527). This past season he also set a single season record with 97 hits.

Kessinger led the Mavs with a 3.02 ERA and finished the season with a 9-4 record in 14 starts. He also led the team with 82 strikeouts.

Between the last two years UNO has now sent eight players into the pros.

"I'm very happy for them, it says something about our program and helps us recruit new players," said head coach Bob Herold.

The players will have quite a grind ahead of them, though, Herold said. Both players will start in rookie ball where the season lasts 144 games.

"Playing every day takes some getting used to, you go 14 days with only one day off, you have to be strong all around," Herold said.

Porter has started practicing already. He said

the experience from the coaching staff has helped.

"They have all either played or coached in the majors and have a ton of experience to pass on," Porter said.

The most noticeable adjustment from college to the pros might be the use of the wooden bat. Porter, however, said he's used the wooden bats on every summer team throughout college.

In addition to using a new bat, Porter said the pitchers will be throwing harder, which will take some getting used to.

"I'm looking to improve on every aspect of my game but mostly my speed and hitting," Porter said.

Kessinger said he would rely on his competitiveness and work on both velocity and movement on his pitches.

"The next step is trying to work my way through the farm system and try to take it as far as I can," Kessinger said.

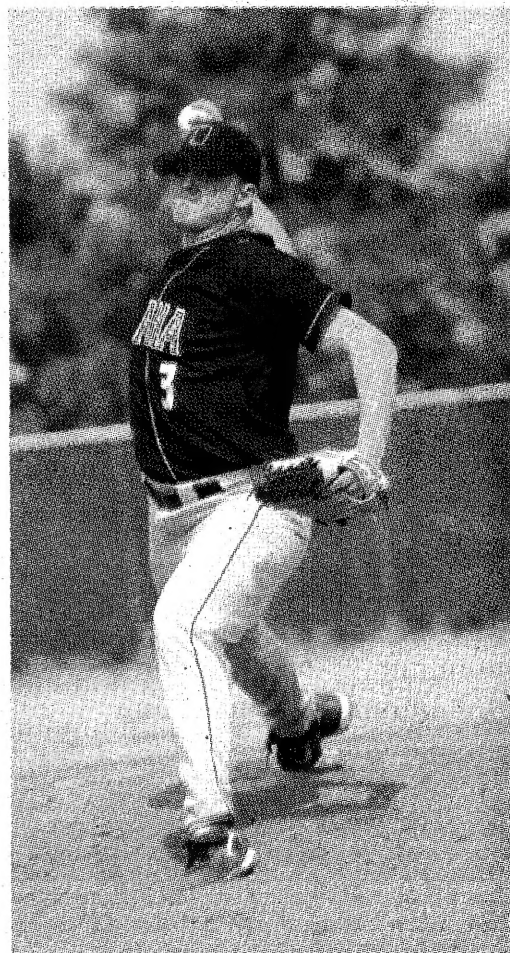
The thought of actually making it to the MLB came when Kessinger was in high school.

"It was about my sophomore year when my coach told me that if I work hard I may have a future in professional baseball," Kessinger said.

For Porter, the thought of making it to the pros came later.

"I started thinking I had a chance during my junior season at UNO when I was first contacted by some scouts," Porter said.

When the calls came to both Porter and Kessinger, they were playing it low-key. Kessinger was by himself, and Porter was with his family and girlfriend. They had both looked forward to that day since



UNO pitcher Chris Kessinger, shown in 2008, was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 37th round. (BILL WENDL/THE GATEWAY)

childhood, though.

"I remember playing backyard baseball at a very young age and thinking I would like to become a professional baseball player," Kessinger said. "I don't think I really believed it would happen."

Mavs pick up new assistant hoops coach

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The UNO men's basketball program has a new assistant coach following the announcement that its former assistant coach accepted a head coach position at the University of Mary.

Randall Herbst, the Mavs' former assistant coach, was named head coach of the Marauders' men's basketball program on May 7 at a news conference in Bismarck, N.D.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for me to coach at a school that has had a history of basketball and athletic success," Herbst said. "The Marauders compete in one of the strongest NCAA Division II basketball conferences in the nation, and I look forward to the challenge."

In his two seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator, Herbst helped

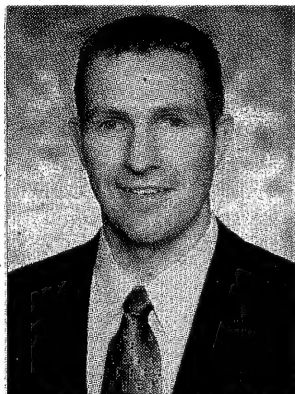
the Mavs earn a 42-18 record, including a berth in the NCAA Division II regional tournament in 2008.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Randall, and I'm very excited for him," said Derrin Hansen, UNO's head coach. "He has worked very diligently during his time here and has been a big part of our success. He has earned this opportunity to be a head coach."

Before coming to UNO, Herbst was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida Southern. He has 16 years of coaching experience, including two as the head coach of his alma mater, Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa.

Replacing Herbst at UNO is Tyler Erwin, who has served as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Simpson University for the last four years.

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TYLER ERWIN

Freshman goes 10-0 at Greco-Roman Championships

Maverick wrestler Elijah Madison, who will be a redshirt freshman this fall, went 7-0 in individual duals to lead the Missouri-Kansas Greco-Roman team to the Concord Junior World Greco-Roman Championship in Concord, Calif., last month.

Madison won the heavyweight championship in the individual tournament



ELIJAH MADISON

following the duals, posting a record of 3-0 on the day.

As a freshman last season, Madison went 23-1 while wrestling unattached in open tournaments. In high school, he went 137-8, ranking second in the nation and earning the 2007 National Wrestling Coaches Association national championship.

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'Macbeth' performance turns out more 'fair' than 'foul'



Khris Lewin, center right, plays Macbeth on Saturday at the 23rd annual Shakespeare on the Green performance in Elmwood Park. Around Lewin are the three witches, played by Shannon Jaxies, Sarah Carlson-Brown and Maria Vacha. This season is the third time 'Macbeth' has been featured by the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

REVIEW BY
CAITRIN SHIRAZI
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival gripped audience members this weekend



with the powerful presentation of Macbeth.

Khris Lewin's portrayal of the power-mad Macbeth was unblemished. His display of the character's ever-changing emotions was done with uncanny gusto. Macbeth's grief, anger and madness were made real and weren't doubted for a moment.

"I have to say act five of Macbeth is my favorite part of the play because it is the reward Shakespeare gives you for making it through four acts of incredibly heightened theatrical technicality," Lewin said. "In those previous acts, you have to see an invisible dagger, hear voices no one else hears and see ghosts that no one else sees but in Act 5, you really get to rock and roll."

While this festival isn't Lewin's first time playing Macbeth, it is his first time visiting Nebraska.

"This is my third time as Macbeth," Lewin said. "My first was in 1996, and it's haunted me ever since."

Another actor worthy of praise is Maryann Towne for her role as Lady Macbeth. Towne's performance enrapt on-lookers and stirred emotions as she portrayed Macbeth's equally disturbed and power-hungry wife.

"The company was just so welcoming, everyone has been so nice and kind," said Towne of her time spent in Nebraska.

Before each performance, Shakespeare on the Green offers musical performances, seminars and more. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

"It's great to come into a company that has worked together before. They work together so well and make things enjoyable for new people coming in. I would love to come back to Nebraska."

Overall, the cast was exceptional and included Jason Francis as the fervent hero Macduff; Matt King and Qadir Khan as the sons of King Duncan; and Vincent Carlson-Brown as the faithful yet betrayed Banquo.

Maria Vacha, Shannon Jaxies and Sarah Carlson-Brown gave a bewitching performance as the ghastly Weird Sisters.

"There aren't a lot of women's parts in Shakespeare," Jaxies said. "I think my favorite part of being a witch is that not all of the female parts in Shakespeare have as much power as they do - the witches have control over everyone in Macbeth."

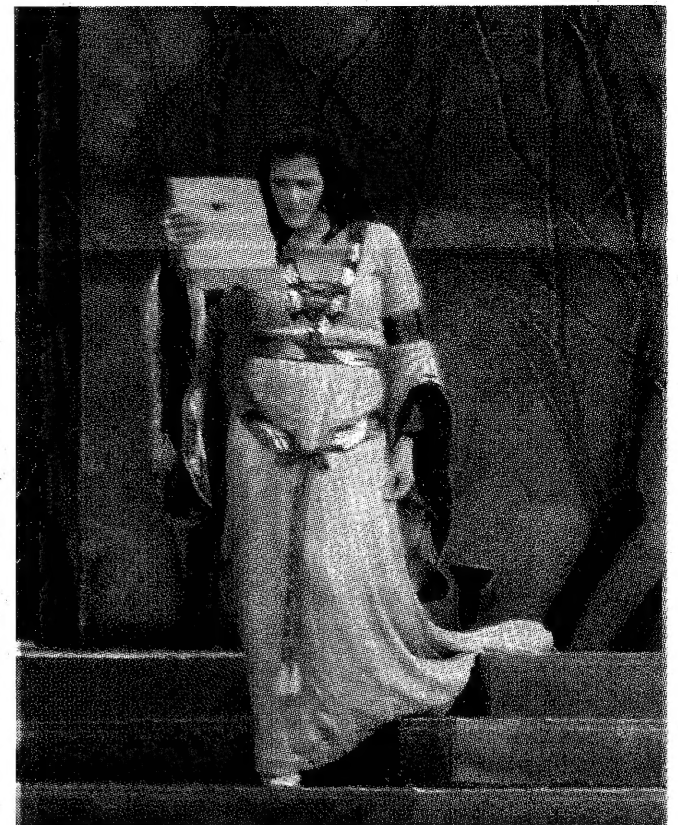
Even smaller roles such as the porter at Macbeth's castle, played by debuting Nebraska Shakespeare actor Brendan JD Reilly, were performed almost flawlessly.

Reilly sent ripples of laughter through the crowd with his drunken mischief yet was capable of taking on a serious role when the scene called for solemnity.

"My first year with NSF has been amazing. There are so many creative minds that go into making this show and I'm proud to be a part of it," Reilly said. "It's a wonderful tradition, and hopefully I can keep performing for years to come. Now that I've participated, I can see myself coming back and auditioning year after year, no matter where I go from here."

Also making his first appearances with the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival this season is 8-year-old Quincy Ellefson as young Macduff.

Ellefson played Tiny Tim in the 2007 and 2008 productions of "A Christmas Carol" at the Omaha Community



Maryann Towne plays Lady Macbeth on Saturday. Towne is a professional actress who has worked Off Broadway in New York City, where she lives. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

Playhouse, a cast member in UNO's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," was a model for the "Fertile Ground" mural in downtown Omaha and will appear in the independent film "The Journal."

This event proved to be a great experience for actors as well as audience members.

"My favorite part of this was growing a beard and going into battle like a true man of Shakespeare," said third season NSF actor and UNO alum, Matt King - Donalbain.

Even though Saturday's showers didn't let up until late in the afternoon, approximately 1,100 people still made it to the performance.

"There was a lot of backstage communication, warning of puddles on stage left and toning down scenes like Banquo's death so no one fell or got hurt," said With No. 2, Sarah Carlson-Brown.

If you missed the first set of shows, the production of Macbeth will continue in Elmwood Park for a final weekend of performances from June 24 to June 28.

Summer Arts festival offers free beer tokens to volunteers

The Omaha Summer Arts Festival is a Nebraska Craft Brewers Association event that takes place every summer. The 35th annual festival will take place from June 26 through June 28 in the Old Market from 10th Street to 15th Streets along Farnam Street.

The association has sent out a call for volunteers to help with activities that will take place during the festival.

Numerous kinds of beers from most of the breweries in Nebraska will be showcased at the festival.

Volunteers - provided they are of the

sufficient age to handle and serve beer - will help with setting up, pouring beer, handing out samples, tearing down and other general tasks that will result in a high-quality event that is entertaining and educational.

All volunteers, 21 and older, will receive 2 beer tokens, good for 2 beers or 6 samples, a Nebraska Craft Brewers Association T-shirt and the ability to sample other fine Nebraska-made Craft Beers.

For more information or to volunteer e-mail paul@nebraskabrewingco.com.

- Caitrin Shirazi

STAFF EDITORIAL

Get out, enjoy summer

The increased cost of living these days has most people searching for new and improved ways to spend their dollar. Many opt to stay in town and vacation locally, taking advantage of Omaha's attractions while cutting back on typical costs associated with summer vacationing.

There are many festivals held in various communities, such as Dundee Days, Benson Days and La Vista Days, to name just a few. On top of that, there are many free concerts held in places like Memorial Park and the Lewis and Clark Landing. Considering all the possibilities, it seems negligent to proclaim there isn't fun to be had in Omaha.

This Friday will mark perhaps the grandest concert of the summer, with The Guess Who and Grand Funk Railroad appearing for free at Memorial Park. The long-time legacies of these groups almost guarantee a packed house, but not all of Omaha's shows have been so lucky.

When Gomez was brought to town by the City of Omaha, the concert was toned down by the threat of rain and low attendance. While the weather certainly played a role in the less-than-spectacular turnout, the community voiced its opinion using various message boards on Omaha's news networks.

There were few positive comments, with the majority complaining that an unknown group should expect poor attendance, and furthermore, that the City of Omaha had failed to use tax dollars wisely. Others cried about the days gone by when 311 appeared, drawing upwards of 30,000 people to the park.

The success of a single show is obviously going to be based on the initial popularity of the band, but what does a family have to lose when there is no charge? In the past, musical acts at community festivals have produced a varied audience.

These free opportunities should not be passed up, even if one doesn't own every album by the headlining band. There is much truth to the belief that these are, in fact, our tax dollars at work, and whether the city listens depends on attendance.

The free concerts across the city should be the main attraction of the summer, but, with everything else Omaha has to offer, it is no surprise that sometimes people are willing to spend money.

Taste of Omaha, the popular food and music festival downtown, is always a highly attended event despite the questionable mathematics when it comes to computing dollars spent versus one's ticket redemption.

The College World Series is another possibility that can provide a thrifty afternoon or evening – if you are willing to spend the other half of the day waiting in the general admissions line. Keep in mind, any concessions will likely run higher than the ticket price.

A new event this summer, Mutual of Omaha's Wild About Omaha Weekend, is aiming to combine the different popular attractions in Omaha at zero cost for the community. The weekend of July 24 and July 25 is when the party happens, and a complete list of the featured attractions can be found at wildaboutomaha.com. The list of participants includes the Bemis Center, the Durham Museum, Film Streams, the Joslyn Art Museum, the Lauritzen Gardens and the Slowdown venue.

There is even an Omaha Royals baseball game on Saturday, in case you didn't get a chance to visit their earlier summer games or the CWS. On top of that, consider it a free going away party for the city's classic farm team.

So, don't let the economy get you down. There are plenty of options for outdoor fun in the city, and events like the concerts, which have been experimental for the past few years, should continue to be supported, lest they disappear all together.

This coming weekend should provide a full house at Memorial Park, and can hopefully dispel the rumor that there is nothing going on in Omaha.

'It seemed harmless:' What I did by doing nothing

We're living in exciting times. The United States has elected its first African-American president and now there is much anticipation at the prospect of the third female and first ever Latina Supreme Court justice. It might appear that Americans have accepted diversity as a national standard. But not so fast.

No major event ever happens without a few jokes and comments that have at least a hint of racism to them. It isn't just late-night talk show hosts, either.

If the comments aren't culturally motivated, they may be geared toward the elderly, specific religious groups, sexual orientations—the list is extensive. Equally disturbing are the subtle ways in which people engage in stereotyping others without even being aware of it.

Several years ago, while working for a large law firm in the Southwest, I sat with co-workers in the break room. Someone told a dumb joke, the kind of joke that just makes the listener groan. It wasn't a funny joke, but a couple of people at the table chuckled.

I said nothing.

Most of us just sat there. It seemed harmless. It wasn't an out-and-out racist joke, but it contained an innuendo. The teller of the joke had never demonstrated any racial bias, so no one reminded her that it really wasn't in good taste.

That moment of indecisiveness earned everyone at the table a free trip to the Human Resources Director's office and a lecture. We weren't strangers to such matters. Mandatory ethics training was an annual occurrence for the firm's employees. The trip to the HR office was a humiliating reminder of what happens when we take a break from awareness.

Kimberly Roppolo, assistant professor of English at the University of Oklahoma and national director of Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers, recognizes this type of un mindful behavior.

In an essay titled "Symbolic Racism, History, and Reality: The Real Problem with Indian Mascots," she says: "The average American engages in this behavior without ever being aware of it, much less realizing that it is racism."

Reading that might have made me feel better about my faux pas, except that she follows up with a summation of

the consequences: "It is our conceptualization of people that dictates our behavior toward them."

It would stand to reason, then, that if we fall into the habit of tolerating off-hand remarks, we may set ourselves up to do things we thought we'd never do. My willingness to accept the joke had hurt the feelings of another co-worker who overheard it and noticed our collective reaction to it.

There are people who hear this story and react by saying that the need to be politically correct has all but destroyed their First Amendment rights.

The number of opinions rendered by our judicial system on the subject are too numerous to mention. Even if we studied these cases, would it be possible to interpret their impact on our personal behavior? One thing is clear: the First Amendment does not give anyone the right to harm another person.

There is a quote that has been used by lawyers for decades to demonstrate where the right to free speech ends and personal responsibility begins. It goes something like this: freedom of speech does not convey the

right to shout "Fire!" in a crowded theater.

Of course, yelling "Fire!" is most likely a deliberate act. Sitting quietly by while someone tells a joke or makes a wise crack that tests the limits of good judgment may or may not be deliberate.

Other times, it isn't what someone says; it's imagery. I know I can't settle debates over whether Victoria's Secret ads objectify women or whether ads for Mac make PC users look like old fogies.

One thing I do know – only because I've studied it – is by blithely assuming there isn't harm in the iconization of specific cultures can result in a perception that is warped. Do we really want to be that person who assumes that all African-American men love to play basketball? Or that all Native Americans have drinking problems? Do we struggle with what we should say to someone from a religion we know nothing about?

Well, that's the great thing about being in school. We can learn about other cultures and religions and find opportunities to interact with people from those cultures.

Too bad I hadn't done that prior to the break room incident. It could have saved me from embarrassment, but more importantly, I would not have hurt a co-worker's feelings.

Commentary



Karen Collins

Music, film piracy at universities can't be stopped

Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in the University of South Florida's *The Oracle* on June 18 and was distributed by UWire.

The music, film and television industries have tried for years to stop the illegal sharing of copyrighted material over the Internet, which has become increasingly popular among students, thanks to the proliferation of file-sharing Web sites.

Media companies must accept piracy as a permanent problem with no feasible solutions. For the next generation of leaders and workers, copyright violation has become an acceptable practice, despite its illegality.

A study by a California-based copyright tracking company, Bay-TSP, revealed that infringements are still rampant even at the most prestigious U.S. colleges and universities.

Bay-TSP found that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology had more instances of digital piracy than any other U.S. university in 2008.

According to the company's annual report, MIT came in first for the second year in a row with 2,593 infringements. The University of Washington came second with 1,888 violations and third was Boston University with 1,408 violations.

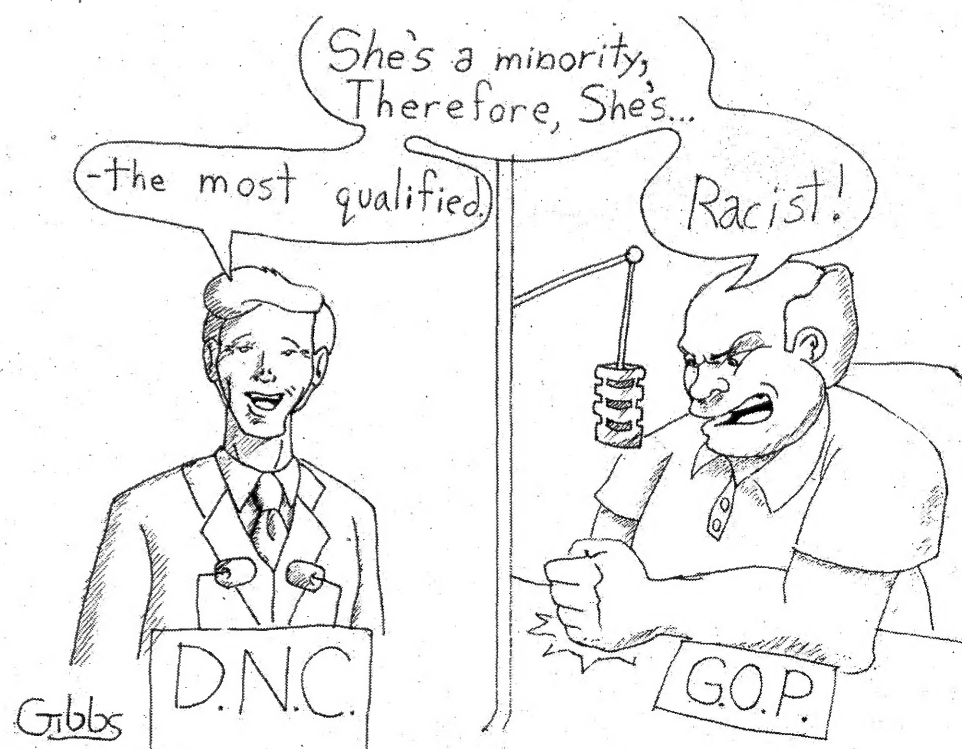
According to The

Chronicle of Higher Education, Bay-TSP monitors all violations of media content owned by their clients – which include movie, software and pay-per-view companies – and notifies universities of violations.

USF also monitors such activities. Academic Computing has software that monitors students' file sharing on campus.

Even with the help of tracking companies, there is little media industries can do, as most violations occur at universities outside the U.S., making the violations at MIT and other American schools pale in comparison. The University of Botswana in Africa and Uppsala University

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in Sweden topped the list with 9,027 and 8,032 infringements, respectively.

Media companies cannot stop students from stealing their content and should follow the example of the music industry. In December, the Recording Industry Association of America announced that it would stop suing individual people for sharing music. This decision ended the futile attempt to stop piracy one person at a time, which led to more

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"Tyler brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to UNO," Hansen said. "He will be a great asset to our program, both on the bench and on the recruiting trail."

Before Simpson University, Erwin was the director of basketball operations and assistant coach for the Nebraska Cranes, a now-defunct development team in the United States Basketball League. He began his coaching career at Midland Lutheran College, where he was an assistant coach and head junior varsity coach from 2000 to 2003, and as a graduate assistant coach at UNK from 2003 to

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However, some of these users only receive limited Internet access through mobile devices.

Mobile devices have become an integral part of telecommunications, with an estimated 4 billion in use. However, only 15 percent to 20 percent of mobile devices have Internet accessibility. Given the size of mobile devices, Cerf said there is a need for innovative interfaces.

Cerf discussed using mobile devices as control centers for using multiple devices, such as high-resolution televisions and WebTV keyboards, to access the Internet.

"They're clearly just not telephones, they are programmable devices," Cerf said. "People are monetizing their knowledge about where things are, what's going on, where it's going on, when it's going on."

than 30,000 suits since 2003, according to the Associated Press.

While it is an unfortunate trend that students receiving some of the best educations the U.S. has to offer have no moral qualms over digital theft, the trend is unlikely to reverse.

Media industries must think smarter in order to discourage piracy among students, but they must also learn to accept it.

2005.

Erwin, a native of Laurel, Neb., holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and coaching from Midland Lutheran, as well as a master's in physical education and sports administration from UNK.

At Midland Lutheran, he had more than 700 points and 200 rebounds in his four-year career. He served as the Warriors' captain during his senior year, earning all-conference honors and leading his team to the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and a berth in the 2000 NAIA national tournament.

Cerf also discussed the development of IP addresses, the complexity of domain name extensions, the governance of the Internet, as well as the Interplanetary Internet, a non-Google program being developed to implement communication on Mars.

Cerf's main concern, however, is the "bit rot" problem, which has to do with the degradation and compatibility of software files over a period of time.

"The lack of uniformity and lack of backward compatibility overtime is going to harm us," Cerf said. "Our descendants 100 years from now may know nothing about the beginnings of the 21st century because all of the data that we've accumulated and generated won't be interpretable anymore, and that can't be the right answer."

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Affairs programs.

The proposed cuts will not be finalized until after a review by the Academic Planning Committee, a process not expected to be completed until fall. Complete details about the UNL budget reductions is available online at unl.edu/ucomm/chancldr/2009budget.

At UNMC, Chancellor Harold Maurer announced Wednesday that the equivalent of 23.8 full-time positions would be impacted over the next two years by the campus's \$1.7 million share of the shortfall.

"About half of the positions were vacant as they were held open as employees separated or transferred during the past six months," Spokeswoman Vicky Cerino said. "For the remaining positions, UNMC will try to find non-state aided funding to support them as these are critical positions for an academic medical center."

All of the positions impacted at UNMC are staff positions, Cerino said. The campus would not further elaborate on the specifics of the positions affected until its final budget proposal is announced in August.

At UNO, no announcement has yet been made about how the campus will reallocate as much as \$2.2 million to cover its share of the university budget shortfall, spokeswoman Wendy Townley said on Friday.

Chancellor John Christensen, however, will host a campus budget forum this Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Building's Collaborating Commons. Joining him will be Budget Advisory Task Force co-chairs Terry Hynes and Bill Conley.

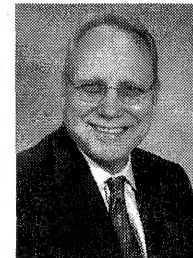
Christensen is expected to outline the campus budget, which is facing a more significant share of the overall university shortfall than the other three NU campuses – with the overall campus budget being reduced 2 percent, compared with only 1.1 percent at UNL and UNMC.

UNO's share of the shortfall is the greatest because the campus faculty won a larger compensation increase than the rest of the university as a result of collective bargaining.

The university is currently appealing the results of arbitration with the faculty union, the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors. The Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations is expected to issue a decision in early July.

If the university wins the appeal, UNO's shortfall would reduce by \$472,000 – leaving the campus with a 1.6 percent overall shortfall stemming primarily from still-higher faculty compensation increases.

"UNO's budgetary planning process for this year has not been easy, but I do know the work that has gone into finding cost-savings, making contingency plans and outlining options has all been helpful, Christensen said in an e-mail on June 15. "Continued conservation of dollars will be critical for the second year of the biennium, as well."



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